

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-24, and 28-40 were pending. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-15, and 28-40 were allowed. Claims 16-24 were rejected. In the present response, claims 16 and 22 are amended, and claims 19-21 and 23 are cancelled.

In a telephone interview between the Examiner and the applicant's agent December 14, 2006, the Examiner agreed that independent claims 16 and 22 would be held allowable if the limitations of respective dependent claims 21 and 23 were incorporated. Claims 16 and 22 are amended accordingly.

Should any additional fees be required, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' patent agent, Christopher A. Wiklof, at (425) 455-5575.

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